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Mr. RUSSELL of Georgia. Mr. President, recently there has been a spate of erroneous news articles and editorials relative to the relationship of the Senate Committee on Armed Services to the Central Intelligence Agency. Ordinarily, I do not like to discuss in the Senate the operations of the Central Intelligence Agency or its relationship with the Armed Services Committee. Discussion of the operations of the Central Intelligence Agency affects sources of information that are available to the CIA. In the very nature of things, these sources of information are very sensitive and easily disturbed. For that reason, I have not discussed this subject, despite the fact that some of our most eminent newspapers have made completely erroneous charges that were meant to mislead and deceive Members of Congress who are not familiar with the operations of the committees with regard to the Central Intelligence Agency.

There is a general rule, Mr. President, that the legislative oversight of any agency of Government is vested in the committee that reports the legislation that creates that Agency. Let me point out here and now that the National Security Council and the Central Intelligence Agency were created by the Na-

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